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1 – Agencies Look for Cause of Fatal Gas Leak in Texas, The New York Times, 11/16/2014

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/17/us/agencies-look-for-cause-of-fatal-gas-leak-in-texas.html?_r=0

One day after a leak of toxic gas killed four workers at a DuPont chemical plant here, federal and state agencies were assembling to investigate the accident and response.

2 – ERCOT says EPA's CO2 plan would cause higher electric prices, Dallas Morning News, 11/13/14

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/20141117-ercot-says-epas-co2-plan-would-cause-higher-electric-prices.ece>

Texas' power grid operator said Monday that a federal plan for reducing carbon dioxide emissions would raise wholesale electricity rates as much as 20 percent. It also could affect power reliability by forcing coal plant shutdowns.

3 – Texas grid operator says EPA plan raises reliability questions, Energywire, 11/18/2014

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2014/11/18/stories/1060009082>

The reliability of electricity in Texas could suffer while costs rise under a U.S. EPA plan to lower carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants, the state's main grid operator said in a new report yesterday.

4 – BP seeks to reduce maximum fines for oil spill pollution, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 11/17/14

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/11/bp_asks_federal_judge_to_limit.html

BP is asking a federal judge in New Orleans to limit maximum fines the company faces in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill to \$12.6 billion, nearly one-third less than the \$18 billion that federal prosecutors say the oil giant could be forced to pay.

5 – Coal's not under attack in climate accord, EPA chief says, USA Today, 11/17/2014

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/17/epa-administrator-coal-water/19181319/>

The Obama administration's top environmental official Monday defended the new climate agreement with China as a significant achievement and insisted that the coal industry is not being targeted.

6 – Keystone XL pipeline's impact on jobs, energy, climate more muted than advertised, Dallas Morning News, 11/17/2014

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/20141117-keystone-xl-pipelines-impact-on-jobs->



[energy-climate-more-muted-than-advertised.ece](#)

The new political pecking order in Washington gets its first major test Tuesday, when proponents of the Keystone XL pipeline get something they've been demanding for six years. The Senate will vote on the massive pipeline that's become a flashpoint in the tug-of-war between energy states including Texas and climate watchdogs counting on President Barack Obama to kill it.

7 – Obama stakes final 2 years on climate change, Baton Rouge Advocate, 11/14/2014

<http://theadvocate.com/news/10867351-123/obama-stakes-final-2-years>

With just two years left in power, President Barack Obama is elevating his efforts to combat global warming as he seeks to leave an imprint on the world that will endure after he's gone. It's a strategy rooted not only in Obama's long-stated support for such efforts, but also in political reality.

8 – Louisiana gets \$13 million to monitor, better manage coastal restoration projects, Baton Rouge Advocate, 11/18/2014

<http://theadvocate.com/news/10859632-123/louisiana-gets-13-million-to>

Louisiana will get \$13.2 million to help monitor, and if necessary, change the management of river diversions and barrier island coastal restoration projects.

9 - PNM considers coal-mine purchase for San Juan fuel, Albuquerque Journal, 11/17/2014

<http://www.abqjournal.com/497621/biz/pnm-considers-coal-mine-purchase-for-san-juan-fuel.html>

Public Service Company of New Mexico is evaluating options to buy the San Juan Coal Mine, which supplies fuel for the coal-fired San Juan Generating Station near Farmington.

10 – White House threatens to veto EPA related bills, New 9 Oklahoma City, 11/17/2014

<http://www.news9.com/story/27409860/white-house-threatens-to-veto-epa-related-bills>

The White House is issuing veto threats against House Republican legislation that places new reporting requirements on the Environmental Protection Agency. The White House says the measures could delay or prevent environmental decisions.